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MEMORANDUM FOR: INR/DDC - Mr. McAfee

FROM: A/EX - August Velletri

SUBJECT: Recommendations to the Bureau of the Budget Regarding
the Department's Overseas Operations and Feasible
Reductions in an Effort to Improve the Balance of
Payments

In keeping with the purpose of Bureau of the Budget Bulletin No. 63-13 calling for a special review of offices and Missions abroad, the Department (Deputy Under Secretary Crockett's letter to Bureau of the Budget Director Gordon dated June 18, 1963) made a number of recommendations designed to reduce dollar and hard currency expenditures abroad. Some of these recommendations affect the Specialized Attache program and are as follows:

1. Relocation of Positions: Transfer the Geographic, Labor and Civil Air Officers and a secretary now in Beirut to Cairo.

Savings in dollar outflow	\$45,400
Additional dollar cost	6,000

2. Science Functions: The Department, in consultation with the Bureau of the Budget, plans to examine all science functions presently assigned to various Federal agencies at Embassies in Tokyo, Rio de Janeiro, Paris and New Delhi with the view of avoiding duplication and over-staffing and centralizing responsibility in the Science Attache.

The Department also agreed to consider the relocation of other activities to Cairo and to consolidate certain functions. However, it was pointed out that in view of the great increased costs and/or serious impairment of operating efficiency involved it would not be desirable to proceed with them at this time.

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The action which the Department has in mind is as follows:

1. Regional Geographic Officer: Transfer the Regional Geographic Officer at Pretoria to Cairo.
2. Publication Procurement: The Department is now studying the possibility of merging the Geographic and the Publications Procurement programs. A preliminary survey indicates a probable savings of two positions if this merger takes place. The Department is also studying the possibility of employing, on a part time basis, selected Americans residing overseas to act as Publications Procurement Officers.

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